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1. Threatened Communist sabotage of the Eucharistic Congress, scheduled for the latter part of January in Cali, Colombia, is creating great anxiety in Government circles. Known thieves and hoodlums are arriving in Cali daily, and although the majority have been detected by local authorities, they are arriving in such numbers that the police are unable to cope with the situation.
2. As a result, the Chief of Police of Cali requested a reinforcement from Bogota of at least twenty-five plainclothes men. Governor Ramirez of the Valle del Cauca also wrote a confidential letter to the headquarters of the Military Brigade in Cali and to the Chief of the Security Section of the National Police requesting that special guards be placed at the electric generating plants and municipal aqueduct prior to and during the Congress. Colonel Rojas Pinilla, Commandant of the Third Brigade of the Colombian Army in Cali, requested and was assured of 1200 to 1500 reinforcements, in addition to the forces customarily stationed in Cali, for the duration of the Congress.
3. Colombian Army intelligence reports from Buga indicated that plans were being made for a general campaign of sabotage on 26 January, the day the Papal Delegate, Cardinal Micara, was scheduled to arrive in Cali. The movement in Buga is under the direction of Carlos Humberto Morales, a lawyer for the University of Cauca in Popayan. The sabotage movement in Cali has the active support of Jaramillo Uribe, leader of the Sindicato Ferroviario del Pacifico.
4. Local authorities in Cali received information that bombs of dynamite in galvanized pipes are being manufactured in Cali and directions for the construction of "Molotov cocktails" are also being circulated by the local Communist Party.

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